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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 7, 2005, a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton returned a superseding indictment charging 6 individuals with conspiring to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine in Saline County in Illinois, and elsewhere in the United States. Charged in the single count indictment are **JAMES NEAL EVANS**, age 32, of Eldorado, Illinois; **TIMOTHY L. FLY**, age 22, also of Eldorado; **MARK A. HARDIN**, age 41, of Harrisburg, Illinois; **ALLEN D. MORRIS**, age 46, also of Harrisburg; **ROBERT D. PENNINGTON**, age 42, also of Eldorado; and **TIMOTHY R. VAUGHN**, age 29, also of Eldorado. The indictment alleges that the offense occurred between January 2000 and August 2005.

The indictment was unsealed yesterday following the pre-dawn arrests of several of the defendants and their appearances in United States District Court in Benton. An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The charges carry a penalty of from 10 years to Life imprisonment, up to a \$4 million fine, and a term of at least 5 years' supervised release to follow incarceration.

All defendants who were arrested have been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending further proceedings.

Previously charged in the original indictment returned in February were: **JASON E. BOULDS**, age 28 of Harrisburg, Illinois; **DOROTHY J. AUD**, age 35 of Equality, Illinois; **JUSTIN R. CASTEEL**, age 21, also of Harrisburg; **WAYNE A. COSEBOON**, age 25 of Eldorado, Illinois; **GARY W. FARMER**, age 22, also of Harrisburg; **ELVIS A. HARDIN**, age 25, also of Harrisburg; and **DAVID E. McSPARIN**, age 28, also of Harrisburg. All of the defendants have pled guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine and have either been sentenced or are awaiting sentencing.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative efforts of the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, the Illinois State Police, the Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement (MADE) Unit comprised of the Saline County Sheriff's Department and the Saline County Housing Authority, the Harrisburg Police Department, the Saline County State's Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.